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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM**

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The oaks and the pines, and their brethren of the wood, have seen so many suns rise and set, so many seasons come and go, and so many generations pass into silence, that we may well wonder what "the story of the trees" would be to us if they had tongues to tell it, or we ears fine enough to understand. **Anonymous**

A NEW LOOK FOR TREE LINK

Welcome to 2012 and the newest look for Tree Link.

We hope our new format makes it easier for you to navigate the newsletter and all the great information within it. The new format makes it easier to share electronically or print single articles. If you would like to share project ideas and achievements, stories about successful partnerships, or news of fun community forestry events, please feel free to contact us. And don't be shy about letting us know how we are doing.

[Email us](#) with your suggestions, observations and ideas.

WINTER READING



Winter often finds us with more "inside" time. It is an excellent time of the year to catch up on your reading while learning about new ideas and research, and the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) has a way to help you keep on top of all the new knowledge. [Read more...](#)



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Sarah Foster, manager of the Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) program, looks back at the key events of 2011, such as Community Forestry Assistance grants to 19 communities and 30 project completions, but also looks ahead to completing more projects and providing more grants in 2012.

[Read more...](#)

WINDSAILING (IS NOT FOR TREES)



Forget what you may have heard in favor of 'wind sailing' trees -- thinning limbs to increase stability in wind storms. This improper pruning technique is promoted to supposedly make trees safer in high winds by allowing the wind to pass through the tree's canopy, thus reducing movement and strain on a tree. Not so! [Read more...](#)

PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS



Looking for a partner to help get some trees planted? Look no further than your local Lions Club. International President Wing-Kun Tam has challenged Lions Clubs around the world to plant one million trees in 2011 and 2012. Some of those trees could be in your community. [Read more...](#)

LEAF MOLD: TURNING FALLEN LEAVES INTO BLACK GOLD



One of the easiest and cheapest sources of rich, very fertile mulch for gardens is probably right under your feet... unless you already raked it up, that is. Adding partially decayed leaves to gardens is a beneficial way to recycle leaves and build humus rich soil. Best of all, it's a cinch to produce... just let the leaves rot where they fall. [Read more...](#)

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY?

CITY OF CLYDE HILL PUTS THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN TEACHING FAMILIES



The City of Clyde Hill believes that to educate a child is to educate the family. By teaching the children the value of our natural resources, the city shows how children teaching their families about Arbor Day's meaning made last year's event a success. [Read more...](#)

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (AND CHEER) IN TIGHT BUDGET TIMES

Cities and communities throughout Washington face incredible challenges in their current and upcoming budgets, but with a little creativity and hard

MUNICIPAL FORESTRY INSTITUTE 2012 is FEBRUARY 19 - 24

This month find links to:

- Talks to professionals and others with an interest in urban forestry online through LinkedIn discussion

- [Read more...](#)



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The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological, and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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